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APPLICANT(S): Ellington *et al.*
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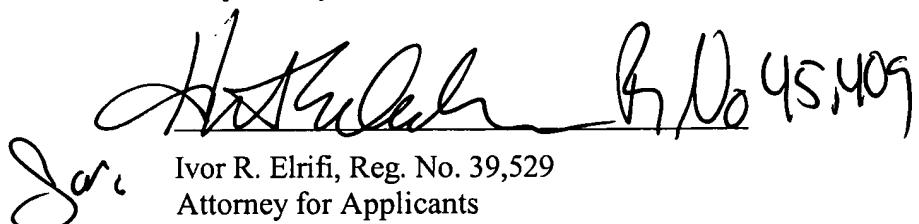
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the December 16, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 16, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301A. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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